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MEMORANDUM for Mr. J. A. Derry

From: Brig. General James McCormack, Jr.

Subject: Bikini Expedition - Navy Department

1. I had meant to see you this morning about the new Bikini Expedition, but here is the problem in brief.

2. The Navy is sending out three ships, sailing from San Francisco about July 1, including an APA for personnel, a submarine tender for technical work, and an LCI for something. The expedition will spend about three weeks at Bikini. The project is to see what is left, especially from Test Baker.

3. The Navy would like to have Dr. L. R. Donaldson, of the University of Washington, together with a group of about ten of his people, as members of the party. Since Dr. Donaldson is working on an AEC contract, could this trip be considered a part of the contract and paid for by the AEC? Total cost is estimated at about \$25,000.

4. The Navy also needs a half dozen radio-chemists. They particularly want Roy Overstreet and Lewis Jacobson from the University of California. The University is not enthusiastic. Mr. Forrestal has written to President Sproul. Would Mr. Lillenthal be willing to write to President Sproul? A suggested draft letter is on the way from the Navy.

5. The Navy also needs authorization, and probably some help, in connection with the other four radio-chemists. Particularly they want to proselyte at Argonne and Clinton. In this connection, can the University of California contract accept these half dozen people?

6. Commander Reville is the interested party in the Navy Department. I have promised to give him answers to his questions. You will see that the time factor is urgent.

cc: Dr. R. F. Bacher  
Dr. J. A. Fisk

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